

REMARKS

The objections, rejections and comments of the Examiner set forth in the Office Action dated January 29, 2003 have been carefully reviewed by the Applicants. Claims 1-35 are pending in the application. Claims 1-35 are currently rejected. In response, Applicants have amended the claims. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider and allow the amended claims. The specification, and Claims 22 and 35 have been amended to correct informalities. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-35 are currently rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gray (US 5440629). In response, Claims 1-35 have been amended to patentably distinguish the present claimed invention. Specifically, independent Claims 1, 17, and 23 have been amended to recited a limitation that is neither taught nor suggested by Gray.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "a first keypad slider comprising a keypad" that is neither taught nor suggested by Gray. In contrast, Gray teaches away from a slider comprising a keyboard at col. 1, lines 7-14, wherein Gray teaches that the controls (normally a keyboard) are to be protected by a slidably movable end closure. This teaching is reinforced at col. 2, lines 59-69, wherein one or more slidable end closures are described as providing a protective enclosure for a keypad. Gray teaches away from a keypad slider, as Claimed in independent Claim 1, and dependent Claims 2-16.

Claim 17 has been amended to recite a wireless telephone comprising a microphone slider and a speaker slider, "wherein one of said microphone slider and said speaker slider comprises a keypad," that is neither taught nor suggested by Gray. As described above, Gray teaches away from a keypad slider, as Claimed in independent Claim 17, and dependent Claims 18-22.

Claim 23 has been amended to recite a handheld display device comprising "a first sliding cover comprising a keypad" that is neither taught nor suggested by Gray. As described above, Gray teaches away from a keypad slider, as Claimed in independent Claim 17, and dependent Claims 24-35. Gray's teaching with respect to a keypad focuses on the need for protecting a keypad, and on the protection of a keypad by a sliding cover.

In reviewing the prior art made of record and not relied upon, the Applicants note that the prior art extends the teaching of Gray with respect to the requirement for protecting a keypad by an enclosure.

In summary, Applicants assert that amended Claims 1-35 are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit such action by the Examiner.

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